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Dear Mr. Collins:

We have received your letter,, dated May 29, 1998, in which you enclose a financial report showing GM's expenditures for the first quarter of Year 3 of the settlement agreement.

Thank you for this report. It will be placed in the Department of Transportation Dockets, NHTSA-98-3585.

On December 15, 1997, when NHTSA acknowledged receipt of your progress report for the first quarter of Year 3, we noted that you had not yet submitted a financial report for that quarter, and we indicated that we looked forward to receiving the document shortly.

In subsequent communications, GM expressed interest in submitting its financial report for the first quarter of Year 3 at the same time that it submitted its second quarter progress and financial reports, and the agency agreed to such an arrangement.

GM has since kept the agency informed about its progress and its rates of expenditures through informal communications, but we note that the financial report for the first quarter of Year 3 of the settlement agreement was not submitted to the agency until after the end of Year 3. In the future, the agency would be interested in receiving these reports not later than 30 days after the end of the period covered by the report.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Ms. Heidi L. Coleman, Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, at (202) 366-1834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip R. Recht". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" being more prominent and the last name "Recht" following in a similar style.

Philip R. Recht